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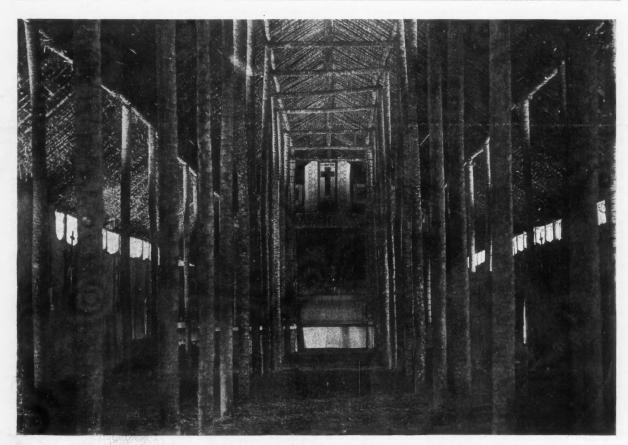
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WITH this issue THE FIELD AFAR begins its second year. We take the occasion to express our gratitude for the kind patronage which it has already received and the hope that our readers, whose hearts have warmed towards this venture, will not forget that the development of our work depends upon their initiative.

NOT much from any but a little from many is all that we ask, and this applies not only to the material support of the missions for which THE FIELD AFAR pleads, but to the maintenance of the paper itself. Your own subscription—which requires at least the act of enclosing fifty cents in stamps, and mailing the same-and your recommendation of this little magazine to others, is what we most need, and this is what you can give us if you will.

14 PT4 THE present issue is called the Report Number, because it gives a summary of work in this archdiocese for the propagation of the faith. The figures outlined and the comments made will be of especial interest to those who actively cooperate in our labors; but it will also, we are certain, attract the attention of others, here and elsewhere, who, from time to time, find a few moments to cast their eyes beyond local horizons and look out upon the distant fields.

* WE are grateful to the White Fathers of Quebec, for a kindly criticism of THE FIELD AFAR, in which they express the wish that it should be issued weekly.

While we quite agree that the regular weekly appeal is most effective, and while we have not the slightest fear of a dearth of material, our present duties would forbid even the thought of such a venture.

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WE regret to learn from Fr. Ketcham of the Indian Bureau, that his various appeals during 1907 for the good cause which he has at heart were disappointing, and we hope that the present year will be a fruitful one for this worthy mission, the Preservation of Faith among our Indians. Some months ago we were pleased to forward through the diocesan office a generous gift of \$100, contributed for Fr. Ketcham's work by one of our regular benefactors, and we have just received from a venerable priest in Boston, a contribution of fifty-one dollars to the same charity.

We will gladly forward offerings at any time to this or to any other

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recognized charity.

HE Italian Anti-Slavery Society

held a national congress in Rome on the days of Dec. 3, 4 and 5. During their sessions the Holy Father eulogized his missionaries, who sacrifice all, even life itself, to preach the gospel, the brotherhood of man and the abolition of slavery. "You will help them, my dear sons," he said, "and thanks to your interest the work of our missionaries will be more efficacious."

Among the speakers at this congress were the Baron DuTeil, secretary of the French Anti-Slavery Society, who paid a tribute to the founder, Cardinal Lavigerie, and Fr. Genocchi, who thus contrasted slavery from the view point of paganism and The pagans see the Christianity. slave only as a 'thing.' Jesus Christ sees in him a brother, and dying on the cross, a penalty reserved until then for slaves, he planted in the world the first tree of liberty."

Mr. Alexander, a delegate from the English Anti-Slavery Society, also

addressed the meeting.

* * AS a result of the enthusiasm aroused by the one hundredth anniversary of Protestant Foreign Mission work, a Laymen's movement was organized about a year ago to devise a plan whereby "the message of the Gospel might be sent to the entire non-Christian world during the next twenty-five years.'

This movement has been criticized because it ignores the home needs, and the Secretary, Mr. M. Williams, a prominent Baptist lawyer of New York, thus answers his critics:—

"Unfortunate as such a division may be, and sad as it is that any line should

be drawn between men all of whom are made of one blood and in the image of God, the fact remains that there are so-called Christian lands which are generally grouped under the head of Christendom and other lands which are utterly and absolutely non-Christian. In the lands nominally Christian, it is, of course, true that the full message of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed. It is, nevertheless, true that in the lands where there is no proclamation of Jesus Christ, there is a different obligation, and a very urgent one, resting upon Christians, namely: the bringing of the knowledge of Jesus Christ to those who have had no opportunity of hearing of him."

FROM several dioceses in New England THE FIELD AFAR, and the work for missions which it represents, is receiving an encouragement which is particularly welcome. Several priests in the diocese of Portland have sent remittances and subscriptions; and the children of historic Old Town, inspired by their teachers, the zealous Sisters of Mercy, as will be noted on the page devoted to Our Young Apostles, have mailed us a batch of most interesting letters accompanied also by some offerings for the missions and subscriptions to THE FIELD AFAR.

Manchester, whose Bishop has expressed his earnest desire to see the love for missions spread throughout New Hampshire, has already furnished us warm friends in the Benedictine Fathers of St. Anselm's College, and in the Sisters of Mercy at Mt. St. Mary's; and here and there throughout the State, a generous number

of supporters. From individual priests and members of the laity in Springfield, Hartford and Providence, we have received cheering messages. In the last named diocese several religious communities are in touch with our work, and in one of the schools, geography is illustrated by stories

from the missions.

We know that Fall River is not without sympathy for the missions, and we have some friends in Burling-

As Boston has been the first diocese in the United States to take up in earnest this work of the Catholic Apostolate, so, we trust, New England will be the first Province in which it can with truth be said that the interest in Catholic missions is general.

God has wonderfully blessed the Church in New England and while it is true, especially in the northern portions, that missionary hardships are still to be endured by our good priests, we believe that the organization of the Church in this Province is second to none in the United States.

AN IRISH APOSTLE IN LIBERIA.

AN interesting communication, signed by the writer of the following letter, appeared some months ago in one of our foreign missionary publications. The Editor wrote to the Very Rev. Contributor under the vague impression that he was of German extraction. Father Kyne's nationality will be discovered after reading a few lines and will doubtless make his words particularly welcome to those of our readers whose hearts, like his, beat warm with the blood of the Celt.

Dear Father Walsh:-

Your welcome letter has travelled its thousands of miles through land and sea to find me out at length hidden in the wild forests of Liberia. Welcome indeed it has been to me, and I bid it a "cead mile failte, for the name at the bottom is redolent of the old sod, the old land, God , bless it, whose glorious faith has never faltered, and whose sons have carried the same faith with them all over the world, wherever they have gone,—be it in the regions haunted by the Polar bears, under the cross of the Southern skies, by Polar bears, under the cross of the Southern skies, by the lordly Ganges or under Africa's burning sun. There are Patrick's sons and daughters to be found, making known the holy name of Jesus and the dear name of Mary, that sounds so sweet in the old Gaelic tongue as the little children gather around their parents at the fireside to offer up to their Mother Mary her own loved prayer, the rosarv.

And now as to sending you a little letter from time to time, there is nothing easier for me. country has so much that is new, strange, interesting and wonderful, from a physical, social, moral and ethnological point of view, that I could write pages and pages and would still be far from exhausting the subject matter. As to sending you my portrait, I do so with all the pleasure of which an Irish heart is capable. It is not a masterpiece, but I do not know if the fault ought to be attributed to the unfavorableness of the subject, to the imperfections of the apparatus or to the inexperience of the artist. Be that as it may, if it does not grace, I hope at least it will not disgrace your album. And now a little word about Liberia will not be amiss, I suppose.

AN AMERICAN FOUNDATION.

It was founded about 1821 by an American philanthropic society for the emancipated slaves of the United States. The first settlement was on the Island of Sherbro, contiguous to Sierra Leone, but finding the country altogether unhealthy, owing

to swamps and marshes, the immigrants pushed farther on and purchased the elevated promontory on which at present stands the capital of the Republic, Monrovia, so called after President Monroe, under whose auspices this settlement took place. But the Liberia of to-day is no longer the Liberia of 1821. Since then it has grown and expanded, and extended its influence far into the interior by successive purchases of territory from the native chiefs. Altogether the territory of Liberia, as it now stands, comprises something more than the territory of all Ireland. This is the land which the Propaganda has confided to our Society to evangelize. I have just remarked that it resembles Ireland



FR. STEPHEN KYNE, PREF. AP.

in regard to its area; and the names of many of the people are quite Irish too,—Moore, Hill, Brown and Grimes are quite common. May it one day resemble Ireland in the faith!

EFFORTS TO EVANGELIZE.

Different efforts have already been made to evangelize the country,—the first, under Mgr. Baron, an American prelate, who, with several of his priests accompanied the early immigrants. All in short time became victims of their devoted zeal or were obliged to go home to recuperate their health, undermined by continual fevers and the unhealthfulness of the climate. The Fathers of the Holy Ghost made another effort in 1884, but they were obliged to withdraw in 1866 either through

broken down health or lack of resources. No missionaries visited the country again, except occasionally, until 1903, when it was handed over to the Fathers of the Blessed Monfort. They came out five in number, but remained only eight months, and during that short period two of them succumbed and the other three were obliged to return to Europe in broken down health.

DIFFICULTIES TO BE OVERCOME.

Such have been the sacrifices made in behalf of the evangelization of Liberia till the present day, and very unproductive, I may say, have they been of satisfactory results. Not that the field of action has been bad or the laborers wanting in zeal; far, far from it. But the efforts have always been discontinued after some slight check, and often from want of means to carry on the work; otherwise there would be missions here to-day as flourishing and prosperous as those in Benin, the Gold Coast, Dahomey and Sierra Leone. The great point is to persevere. But in order to do so we must be seconded by the prayers of Catholics at home and by pecuniary aid when possible. This is now the fourth effort being made to evangelize the country and great would be the pity if the missionaries were obliged to desist again for lack of means.

A MORE FAVORABLE OUTLOOK.

God seems to favor us in a special manner this time. We have already been in the country almost a year and our health has been comparatively good all that time. Our intention is to go to the native tribes of the interior, who are almost all pagans, and as such, are more susceptible of conversion than people who have already laid the foundations of our first mission, dedicated to the Sacred Heart, among the Gota tribe. The people are very simple in their way and of patriarchal manners. They seem to be delighted to have 'Godmen' among them, to teach their children 'book,' as they say. But this is only our first little foothold in the country. It is the mission of Liberia, not yet even in the cradle, but still in swaddling clothes. There are two millions of a population in Liberia. and the Gota tribe, among whom we are settled, is only a minimum part of that multitude. There are from 60 to 80 thousand civilized Liberians, all immigrants or descendants from immigrants, or assimilated natives 300,000 Mohametans, and the re mainder of the population divides itself into 14 native tribes.

MISSIONS NECESSARY.

In order to work efficaciously we would need to establish two missions in each of those tribes so that we could come directly in touch with them. The cost of a mission along the lines on which we establish one would cost about \$1000; so that with \$20,000 we could get a good footing in the whole country. Of course the newly established missions would need a little aid for the first few years, but once properly established, I think they would live on native resources. Our buildings are done in native style, and with some little improvements of civilization, which we introduced ourselves, they are quite as good as houses we would get from Europe, which would cost dearer by far. They are not palaces, of course; they are merely mud huts; but provided we make true temples of the Holy Ghost in the hearts of



MAKING BRICKS IN AFRICA.

these people among whom we live, we care little what kind of shanty we have, so long as it protects us from the rain and shades us from the sun. In the meantime they enable us to deliver these people from the power of Satan and give them over to Our Lord and to His Blessed Mother; to give them the true liberty of the sons of God, so that Liberia may be Liberia the land of the free, not only in name but really and truly in fact and deed.

And now, dear friend, pressure of business, and not scope of subject matter obliges me to bring my little narrative to a close. There are so many things which I would like to say but which would lead me too far at present,-things that would certainly interest your readers and pique their curiosity not a little; but I must leave them over for another

time when I have more leisure at my disposal. I conclude by offering my sincere thanks for the interest you take in my mission, by recommending myself, my brother priests and the people committed to our care to your fervent prayers and to those of all your co-workers. Let them pray! Let them pray! Let them pray! Offer up daily a few 'Hail Marys' for us, now and then a Communion, and an instant at the adorable sacrifice of the Mass. These are our powerful weapons, our arms,-means, alas, too often forgotten, in the talk about pecuniary means. Promising not to forget you or the members of your Society at the Holy Altar daily and by placing all the sacrifices which have been made and are still being made for this mission in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, I am yours very gratefully,

STEPHEN KYNE Pref. Ap. of Liberia, Monrovia, W. Africa. H H

AN EARLY REWARD.

THE young missionary who wrote the following letter has already closed his short life.

The Vicar-General of Hakodate sent to the diocesan office a brief notice of Fr. Chabanty's death from fever, and we ask for his soul the prayers of our readers.

Sendai, Japan, Aug. 1, 1907.

Dear Father Walsh:-Father Boulanger of the Paris Seminary asked me recently to send to you some little designs for your FIELD AFAR. If my talents were equal to the task, it would be a real pleasure to render you this small service. I send you as it is some little attempts. I do not know whether these are the kind you want. Be good enough to tell me, therefore, what subjects you need, what size, etc., and I will do my best to serve vou.

Fr. Jacquet who is living here tells me that you want photographs especially. I cannot do much for you in this line for I have not in my possession the necessary apparatus but if it is agreeable to you I will send you soon some drawings or paintings for your rooms.

Perhaps you wish to know who this missionary is that is writing to you. He is the Benjamin of the Hakodate mission who left the Paris Seminary a year ago and who had the pleasure of conversing with you a few moments in the corridor of the old Seminary of the mission house while you were staying in Paris. I am still only a missionary in name. All my labor at present is expended in studying the Japanese language. Why is not the miracle of Pentecost repeated more often in these days? When shall I be able to call myself truly a missionary? A little prayer, if you please, that the Holy Ghost may come to my aid.

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IN THE HOMES OF MARTYRS.

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A SUNDAY WITH THE ABBÉ VÉNARD.

LA GRANDE MESSE was to be chanted at 9.30 in Assais, the parish of Eusebius Vénard, down in the diocese of Poitiers, France. Now it was no extraordinary occurrence to have high mass on Sunday in this little village, but for the first time in the recollection of the oldest inhabitant, a priest from America was to officiate, and the occasion was an interesting one,—at least to the stranger.

The day was clear and the sun hot on the white walls of the presbytery, by the time the people began to arrive in little groups, as the old bell rang out the third and last call.

Most of the villagers in St. Loup are church-goers; and white-coiffed matrons and young girls neatly dressed, men and small boys passed around the curé's wall into the court which served as an approach to the church.

served as an approach to the church. I was preparing to leave the garden walk for the sacristy when the presbytery door opened, and the sexton, a sun-burnt toiler clad in homespun, came rapidly across the vard carrying under one arm a strange looking piece of furniture on which I noticed two octaves of ivory keys with an extended string of cat-gut. A fiddle bow dangled from his little finger, and I began to realize that I was in danger of a few distractions. I followed into the cool sanctuary. blessed the water, and prepared for the celebration. Fortunately during the Asperges I became acquainted with and resigned to the instrument of torture which I had already discovered. It was a monochord, used to sustain the chant of the congregation. The recent 'motu proprio' on church music hardly needed a promulgation in St. Loup where for generations the people have been accustomed to render the old chant of the Church with its varying modes.

As soon as the Asperges had been intoned, the sexton, who had installed his instrument on the gospel side of the sanctuary, began to saw vigorously with the violin bow, regulating the tones by pressing in turn the yellow keys that lay beneath his muscular left hand. Beside him, in unconscious dignity, stood one of his fellow musicians also within the sanctuary, but decently dressed in civilian's clothes, and practically hidden behind a huge parchment-bound 'Graduale,' from which long ribbon markers hung, soiled by wear. Across the sanctuary, in best cassocks and

stainless surplices, were Basil, Alfred and Valentine, the three seminarians, with *M. le Curé* presiding over all behind the episcopal kneeler, seconding or rather eclipsing the efforts of the head chanter. It was not often that the good pastor had such an opportunity as this, and it was quite natural that he should take advantage of it.

Outside the chancel, there was activity, too. Some of the worshippers used books, more, including the 'bonne,' who occupied a kneeler in the first row, were so familiar with

"WHEN THE CURÉ WAS NOT LOOKING."

the chant and the Latin words, that they could easily dispense with the text.

The voices were not particularly sweet, and the accompaniment, as may be imagined, was far from soothing, but the entire mass, with Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Offertory, Sanctus and Communion, was chanted correctly and intelligently by these simple people.

The presence of the stranger offered a subject, if not a text for the curé. After the Gospel he ascended the narrow steps which led to the pulpit, high perched against a stalwart column, and paid tribute to the American who had explored their wilderness, drawn thither by his love for the martyr of St. Loup. He told the people how they should appreciate the virtues of the 'Venerable' when one would come from so great a distance to make a pilgrimage to his birth-place and to see his relatives.

Incidentally during his remarks the old priest apologized for the stranger's shortcomings, saying that the latter had a very peculiar pronunciation of the Latin, but in spite

of the Latin, but in spite of this could sing pretty well. Perhaps he expected some Indian wail. In any event no one dared to smile at the comment which was given out with perfect seriousness.

The Angelus rang after mass. The people again congregated in little groups outside the church then moved on to their homes. Soon afterwards we were sipping coffee made fresh by the trembling hands of the smiling old 'bonne,' who now enjoyed the distinction of a personal acquaintance with the pretre sauvage, and could whisper her observations occasionally to some visitor at the garden gate, when the curé was not look-

The sun was well down on the long horizon when the old bell rang again for Vespers, and the people gathered for what proved to be a memorable service.

In the course of the afternoon, the stranger, who had been studying the mechanism of the wonderful monochord—which Fr. Eusebius was seriously thinking of replacing with an instrument slightly improved on

the same general lines—learned that there was a harmonium on the premises.

It seems that a few months previous when the drama entitled "The Captivity and Martyrdom of the Venerable Théophane" was enacted in the courtyard of the presbytery, a real harmonium was rented from Poitiers, and for that occasion an organist was secured. The instrument was still waiting to be returned

Now the American had spent many hours, weary and otherwise, during his seminary course, at the bench of an enlarged harmonium, and as soon as this knowledge was revealed to the curé, a special program of psalms and hymns was prepared for the Vesper and Benediction service, and the curé gave more self-satisfied grunts than usual that afternoon.

*That evening after dinner, as we strolled around the cemetery wall, he insisted on stopping wherever he found a group of people to get their estimate of the day's happenings, and to receive their approbation of



THE WHITE COIFFED MATRONS OF

the special menu which he had so thoughtfully provided for their spiritual and sensible appetites.

I had begun to warm to the good old priest by this time, and looked forward with regret to the day of departure, which I had decided should be the following Tuesday.



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"I received your letter last week," a "I received your letter last week," a boy writes from one of our large New England cities, "and I have since received the Archbishop's photograph and The Field Arak—which I think is very interesting this month. I think if everybody could read it there would be a greater interest in foreign missions. Before I read the Sacred Heart Review I never knew there was a society for the propagation of the faith. I feel as though I would like to be a priest, but I have not the means for the education, and again my mother does not



". . . I have received a sample copy of The Field Afar," writes a promoter "I must say it is very interesting and fills a long felt want. I have always had a deep interest in the foreign missions, and up to this time the Amals have been my only source of information. I am a promoter for the Propagation of the Faith, and I shall try to increase the number of my members and have them subscribe if possible for The Field Afar. I enclose one dollar as subscription to The Field Afar and for the ten following pamphlets.

I shall remember the missions in my prayers to the Sacred Heart and I hope the New Year will bring many subscribers and friends."



"You will pardon me for not acknowledging the receipt of previous numbers of The Field Afar which you were kind enough to send me," writes a well-known Boston physician. "I read them all, as well as the latest number received a few days ago, with great interest. I am sending enclosed a check for three subscriptions, for my mother, my sister and myself tions, for my mother, my sister and myself Wishing you still further success in your already successful work, I am,



"It was in THE FIELD AFAR, writes a "It was in The Field Apar, writes a Lowell gentleman, referring to our late Archbishop, that I read his remark, speaking of our missionaries: "They go the whole way for souls." For quick insight and laconic yet full characterization, it is a memorable saying.

As disinterested and zealous a Catholic gentleman as I have known, read to me an intended speech, in which he used the expression: "They must be made to toe the mark." I suggested that he curplemize

expression: "They must be made to toe the mark." I suggested that he euphemize it by a slight change. Subsequently he read the whole to Archbishop Williams, and at that point paused and queried. The instant reply was: "Keep it in! The people understand it."



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"THE FIELD AFAR impresses me most favorably and deserves widespread encouragement. It is refreshing to read such evidences of true apostolic, missionary spirit, with their willing offering of self-denial for the cause of the true Faith, in denial for the cause of the true rath, in this our day of selfish luxury and love of ease. To my mind there is no doubt that many vocations will be found among the young people of the United States, and I pray for the day when we shall have a foreign mission college like Mill Hill."

Yours in X+

Yours in Xt.

FROM THE FIELD.

FATHER Bauzin has a difficult mission in Adjara, Africa, and writes to us from time to time a good letter. The reader will notice that he discovers in The Field Afar a preference for Eastern Asia. We hasten to assure the good missionary that even if we do occasionally show such partiality, we will try to keep the needs of Africa before our readers eves. The world is vast and our space is limited. We cannot promise hearts sympathize with all,—because

"I read THE FIELD AFAR constantly," writes Father Bauzin, "but there seems to me a hidden preference for the heathens of China and Japan. Oh! I am not jealous, but I would timidly suggest that the heathens of Africa cost our Lord as much as those in the far East, and it is this fact that prompts me to hold out my hand

the mission.' They are children wholly dependent on the mission for food, clothing and school necessities. The least cost for each child is \$10.00 to \$11.00 a year. at the mission by assuring the parents that I would demand nothing from them.

"I am sure, dear Father Walsh, that you will excuse the tone of this letter, re-

HERE is Sister Xavier with a few words about some films which went to her from Lynn and which have since been returned and

"I am glad the films reached you safely; if some more were sent we should try and forward to you some real types of Chinese life and mission work that might be useful. The first trial perhaps did not succeed very well but in the second we hope to do better. It was good of your friend to think of sending us the little 'Brownie'; I hope you thanked him

"For my own photograph, I think one of any old Sister you may pick up would do as well; it is a Sister and that is all that is required. Seriously speaking, we are not allowed to be photographed without special permission from the Superior,

except in groups with our children and poor. Keep one of the groups I send you by you and that will remind you of the Maison Jesus Enfant and its needs, though I don't think you need a reminder.

The good Sister from whom we asked a photograph of herself was too bashful to let our readers see her. She should have become a Carmelite. We know that THE FIELD AFAR goes to China, and that Sister Xavier is on our subscription list, and we expect to get a round scolding for the liberty we are taking, but our excuse is the *great cause!* If St. Paul were living in our day he would not object to have his picture in a little



"A SISTER OF CHARITY IN CHINA."

magazine that is struggling hard to interest English-speaking Catholics in such glorious work as he carried on amid constant trials.

And here is our confession. A few years ago we learned of an illustrated article on "A Sister of Charity in China," which appeared in the Irish Rosary. We sent for the magazine and found therein a portrait of this Sister of Charity, who was none other than Sister Xavier. The scissors did a little clipping, the stereopticon man reproduced the portrait on a slide, and several thousands of people have already seen the lady in question. As letters arrived frequently from

Ningpo and benefactors came forward from time to time to send their mite for the orphans, the name of Sister Xavier like that of Mother Paul in Uganda, became quite familiar and the suggestion was made that THE FIELD AFAR readers should know Sister Xavier by sight. We asked in vain for a photo and now we do the best we can with what we have. Pardon, ma Soeur!

The Lady Agnes de Trafford, who has recently returned to England from a visit to Eastern Asia, has sent to the Diocesan Office a most interesting account of Sister Xavier's establishment at Ning-po. Lady Agnes is a cousin of Sister Xavier, who was a Miss Berkely, and we regret that the manuscript did not arrive until The Field AFAR was going to press.—En.

SOME weeks ago a special need for certain rare and useful books by a community in Jerusalem was brought to our attention through Rev. Archbishop of Boston, a generbeneficiary thus writes his acknowl-

I was greatly touched by your kindness in sending me \$50.00. As we are very poor and live on charity, this sum was most welcome. We economize as much as possible, but books are necessary. Without them we cannot pursue necessary studies, and without study we cannot complete the work of our mission.

complete the work of our mission.

Our school takes a high rank in Palestine.

Much of this work is entirely in hands of
Protestants, whose propaganda is becoming daily more active.

We preach retreats during Advent.

Lent, and the Rosary month for missionaries and nuns, which is a little mission
of St. Mary Magdalen, "Apostolorum
apostola."

I am also very grateful to His Grace

I am also very grateful to His Grace the Archbishop of Boston. I would ask you to present him my sincere thanks and

FR. M. F. LAGRANGE.

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GIFTS DIRECT TO THE MISSIONS.

While the regular membership dues in the S. P. F. are still forwarded through the general organization, contributions for specified missions and mission needs are now distributed directly from the Boston Diocesan office.

This arrangement enables us to send gifts to their destination expeditiously, and with satisfaction to our beneficiaries as to ourselves.

A correspondence has already been established with bishops in various portions of the world, and as printed receipts accompany each remittance, acknowledgments are received with the smallest possible loss of time.

A MAGNANIMOUS GIFT.

Through the generosity of a Catholic woman in Boston, nearly six thousand dollars have been received in several instalments during the last few months. This money was given in memory of a departed sister, and its application to the cause of foreign missions is due to the forethought of the deceased, and to the kindly disposition of the surviving sister. Already a considerable portion is in the hands of beneficiaries in different parts of the world who have acknowledged the remittances with sincere gratitude and the assurance of prayers for their deceased benefactor, and for the faithful sister who still survives.

May God reward this example of unselfish love!

A CLEARING HOUSE.

The Boston diocesan office for the propagation of the faith has developed into a clearing house for various forms of outside Catholic charities. Besides the regular contributions of dues,ordinary, special and perpetual,—for the universal S. P. F., and of gifts for missions, other donations have been received for particular needs in mission work, and for seminaries devoted to the training of missionaries in this country and abroad.

Several of our diocesan institutions, especially the Seminary and the work for Negroes, have also been benefited by specified remittances received

through the diocesan office.

THE SINGLE MOTIVE.

One who is interested in foreign missions does not, as a rule, see the result of his work. He cannot say to his friend as he passes by some edifice dedicated to God, "I helped to build His alms go out beyond the horizon of his vision; his prayers are offered for people whom he has never known and whom he will never meet on this earth. His motive, therefore, can hardly be other than pure love for Christ and for souls. It is doubtless for this reason that our benefactors will rarely permit their names to be used, and because of their single motive we do not hesitate to say that they are the chosen souls of every parish, and the greatest comfort to every pastor.

AT THE SEMINARY.

The professors and students at both houses of the Seminary in Brighton regularly contribute their mite to the missions. The Diocesan Director is moderator of the Academia which includes all the theological students, and meets during the scholastic year,

once a month. Papers have been read during the past year on the following subjects:

Negro and Indian Missions in the United States.

Uganda and its Trials.

Native Clergy in Foreign Missions. A Resumé of the Latin Diary of Andrew Ly, A Chinese Priest.

The Early Church in Maine. An address was also given by Fr, Walter J. Browne, on Work Among the Chinese at Home. Father Browne was accompanied by two of his assistant instructors and a Chinese con-

HOW TO HELP.

WE are frequently asked the question by Catholics and occasionally by non-Catholics: "How can I help the missions?"

By at least one of these four means you can share the reward of a Catholic apostle and help to spread the faith

of Jesus Christ.

i. Add to the "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" of your daily prayers the invocation, "St. Francis Xavier,

pray for us!" and:-

2. If your interest is awakened and your charity aroused ever so little, send fifty cents for a subscription to THE FIELD AFAR, a sample copy of which you will receive on applica-

Become attached, as a member, to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith; ordinary membership is 60 cents a year; special membership \$6.00; perpetual membership \$40.00.

4. Send a postal card for a mite box, and we will mail you, free of charge a little bank in which you can place occasional coins of self-sacrifice. The result of this saving will be devoted to the interest of the missions.

VOCATIONS.

The complaint is sometimes made in these days, that few vocations are secured for the more difficult missions of the West and South in our own country. We believe that the more familiar our youth can become with the lives and purposes of missionaries, who as the late Archbishop of Boston expressed it, "have gone the whole way for Christ," the more certainly will strong vocations arise for our home needs. We cannot place before our young men too high an ideal of the priesthood, and happily the highest ideals are realized in the sacrifices made by our present day apostles, who labor in the wildernesses of this

MISSION LITERATURE.

It has come to our attention that several non-Catholics have been NEW EDITION.

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drawn to the Church through the beautiful letters of Théophane Vénard. We have also heard of a young man who, through the same influence, has returned to the practice of his faith. It is the human love combined with unstinted devotion to God and to souls, which makes these letters so attractive.

Catholic Missions for January contains 32 pages of interesting news carefully prepared with excellent illustrations. The scope of material may be realized by such titles as: "The Religious Movement in Norway"-"Negro Missions in Maryland"—"The Wainimata Villages, Oceanica''—
"Buddhism in Japan" and "War about the Dyaks.

The Almanac published by the U. S. Central Direction of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is attractive in its make-up and filled with interesting information.

It is a pamphlet of 40 pages and among other contributions contains articles on "The Missionary" by René Bazin; and the "Last Priest of Norway," by Bp. Fallize.

The Roman Calendar is published by months with appropriate illustrations, and the principal events of the missionary world for 1907 are given.

OUR YOUNG APOSTLES.

SOME years ago, my dear Apostles, the beloved and lamented Bishop Bradley of Manchester, N. H. and Fr. Ignatius were visiting Norfolk, Va. One day their walk took them through the negro belt, at the hour when the lively and happy colored children were rushing to school. Some were going into a modest building surmounted by a cross. After a moment's reflection the walkers also entered and to their great delight and edification remained as spectators to a very remarkable school session. The teachers were Franciscan Sisters from the famous Convent near Mill Hill, England. The Superior was a lady of striking though humble mien, thoroughly conversant with and deeply interested in her noble work. Her name was Mother Paul, a New Yorker, who had been teaching the "young idea how to shoot" for many years in that school, and who is now far away from her native land, doing the same duty in Uganda, Africa.*

Fr. Ignatius remembers the impression which that visit made upon the saintly bishop; how he praised these heroines of the faith, who leaving all had come to Virginia to uplift the most afflicted people in the land of Uncle Sam.

AN AMERICAN NUN IN AFRICA.

But if Mother Paul's work was difficult and meritorious in Virginia, where, after all, despite the many drawbacks, there were some comforts, what must it be in Africa where there is nothing but poverty and paganism, if we except the affection of the relatively few Christian hearts. It seems to Fr. Ignatius that the fact of an American girl giving up everything to go to such a country as Africa in order to bring souls nearer to Christ would appeal most earnestly to children. What greater sacrifice could she make? Is she the only American called upon to make that sacrifice for the sake of Christ? Fr. Ignatius has said repeatedly that all are not obliged to follow closely in her footsteps and give up everything; but he has also said that all should do their share in helping persons like Mother Paul to save souls for whom Jesus died. It is to arouse this spirit among you that Fr. Ignatius writes from month to month. Oh, my dear Apostles, stir yourselves, and become real active workers. Do something for these poor blacks who know not God. Pray at least, and always for them, but become if you can Apostles.

A COMMENDABLE RESPONSE.

The heart of Fr. Ignatius was recently moved to its very depth by the touching letters of some of the children attending St. Joseph's school, at Old Town, Maine. Their sweet and beautiful letters would alone be welcome, but not satisfied with the mere writing-they enclosed a post office money order, which represented their sacrifice for many a day. God bless these dear apostles and may they have many imitators! The great mistake made is to think that little efforts do not count. "What good will a cent be to the Missionaries?" you ask. My dear apostles, if each of you who think that way would only give the cent to one of your companions, whom you might elect treasurer, and who in turn would



RT. REV. HENRY HANLON, D.D., Bishop in Uganda, Africa.

send it to us, great results would follow from your small offering. The Missionaries are attempting to lay the foundation of the Great Catholic Church in the field afar. Now just imagine that in your city or town vour pastor was about to build the church and had invited every one help dig the cellar. What good can I do with my little shovel, says the child. "Dig," says the pastor "and child. see." So the child digs and what is the result? Only a little dirt is removed, it is true, but so much is done; that dirt will not have to be taken out by another. Fr. Ignatius says that this is precisely what will be the effect of your penny. What good will it do? Give it and trust

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aims to be high in quality and low in price. Each annual subscription of fifty cents is a distinct help, and every name is a welcome edition to our to our lists.

If you are already a subscriber and feel that these pages are helping you to realize more fully the mission of the Church, and the sacrifices of present-day apostles, extend this influence to others—at least to one.

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FOR 10 NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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the Missionaries to do good with it. No one else will be called on to do the good which that penny will do, and the cents of all will go to plant firmly the standard of the cross in some foreign field. You know the proverb: 'a word to the wise is sufficient."

The Old Town children are apostolic diggers, as you may see from these

"St. Joseph's School, "Oldtown, Me., Dec. 18, 1907. DEAR FATHER IGNATIUS:

"I would like to be one of your apostles. "I save my pennies for those little Chinese who are not baptized. Sister showed us the pictures in the 'Field Afar.' Ham going to try to get some people to take that paper. Every week we read the stories about the children in that far away land who do not know about Our Lord. I should like to be one of the sisters who are teaching them about the Infant Jesus. I pray that I will be when I am big. We find the places on the map and read about them from our geographies. I am in the Fourth Grade.

"A lady gave me ten cents to buy myself a Christmas present. I thought it would please the Infant Jesus if I gave it for the little heathens.

"I hope all the priests and sisters who are far away from home will have a Merry Christmas.

Christmas.

"Please find enclosed a money order for two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50). "Your little apostle, "JOSEPHINE FLANAGAN."

"Will you please let me be one of your apostles? I would be so glad to have all the pagans have Xmas that I put all the pennies I could in the bank. I am sorry they don't know about the little Jesus and our Blessed Mother. They must be lone-some without any Christmas. I am glad I don't live away off there.

"Your apostle, ALEXANDRINE BOUCHER."

*Mother Paul's photograph was published in our December, 1907, issue. [Ed.

"Our Sister showed us a picture of some

"I am sorry so many of the little children way off in the Eastern Hemisphere can have no Christmas because they do

ont know about the Infant Jesus.

"I wish I could give them some of the presents I am going to get Christmas.

"Your little apostle,

"We found the places on the map where the little children who do not know about the Infant Jesus live. I am sorry for

them. "I want to help them to learn about God

and the angels.
"I hope you will get a Christmas present.
"Your little girl,

"We like your letters to the young apostles so much that we all want to be apostles. I am going to help the Chinese and Japs and Niggers all I can by saving

Desjardins, Jane Rousselle, Alphons-ine Rousselle, Grace Michaud, Arthur Terriault, Jeanett Beaulieu, Catherine

these children will never perform a more important service, one with more lasting results. If the Master praised the widow for giving her mite, He surely will not forget these apostles who have given their all. Their action is sublime.

Do not the letters breathe the missionary spirit? Remark how the children keep up interest. They go to the geography to find the places named in The FIELD AFAR. Let all the Apostles do the same, and they will find the plan a good one. Once more, at the beginning of the year, do your best to become live Apostles.

FR. IGNATIUS

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Do you wear an S.P.F. pin? It is small, serviceable and artistic; but better than this, it speaks of a participation in the world-wide work for Christ. It will be sent, carefully packed, to any address. Price twenty cents.



From various sections of the United States and occasionally from foreign coun tries, appeals are made to the Reverend Clergy, to Religious Communities and to individuals among the laity. The Diocesan office is the authorized channel of missionary contributions and the Director gladly give information regarding the ap-peals and will forward all offerings. In this way, the interests of the charitably disposed can be best safeguarded.

WE ask the prayers of our readers for the Very Rev. Thomas B. Donovan, late Superior of the St. was held in Baltimore. Jan. 16th, in

clergy and laity.

The Rev. T. J. Kenney gave an impressive eulogy, taking as his

will give thee the crown of life."

Donovan's soul and raise up a worthy successor to push wisely and vigorously the great work which is vet to be done for the negroes of the United States! Prayers are also requested for the following benefactors:

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Legacies should be made out to THE BOSTON DIOCESAN DIRECTOR FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH. Headquarters: Cathedral Residence, Boston, Mass.

HE Catholic Church appeals to her children through various forms of charity as she does through different devotions. Naturally, dispositions vary and are affected by different influences. There is this to be said for foreign missions, however,-it is a common experience that the Catholic who is interested in remote fields of labor, is almost invariably the most responsive to all home needs.

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"You shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses with me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the uttermost parts of the earth."—Acts I. 8.

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* Excluding bequest.

"For the promise is to you and to all your children, and to all that are far off, whomsoever the Lord our God shall call."—

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AT THE CLOSE OF A DECADE.

IT is almost ten years since systematic work for outside missions was begun in the Archdiocese of Boston. Interest had already manifested itself, however, before that time. Not to speak of collections taken by visiting missionaries, the records of the Lyons Society for the Propagation of the Faith show from 1853—with two interruptions—a remittance from Boston, which averaged, up to 1875, about \$900. and from 1876–1898—nearly \$3,400, yearly.

EARLIER EFFORTS.

These contributions, at least until 1884, were almost wholly due to the efforts of individual parishes and a few convents. Fr. John Smith and Fr. Bernard O'Regan, each in turn Rector of the Cathedral, gave a strong impetus to the above-mentioned Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which gradually extended to several other parishes in the city proper, East Boston, South Boston and Charlestown; and outside to Cambridgeport, Newton, Lawrence and Lowell.

After 1884, as a result of the Baltimore Council, the Annual Lenten collection was ordered to be taken up in all parishes,—one half to be forwarded to the Lyons Society, the other portion to be used for Indian and Negro missions in the United States.

SYSTEMATIC WORK BEGUN.

While the yearly offering secured, an increased and regular financial return, it did not provide for any constant and intelligent interest in Catholic missions; and after a meeting of the Bishops held in 1897, the late Venerable Metropolitan of New England instructed Rev. Joseph V. Tracy

to organize the Society for the Propagation of the Faith throughout the Baston diocese.

Dr. Tracy began the work in June, 1898, and continued to supervise it until the end of February, 1903, when he was succeeded by the present Director.

THE DEVELOPMENT.

The development may be realized to some extent by the above diagram. Membership in the Lyons Society has been the basis of the work. The idea of a world-wide organization is attractive as it offers an opportunity to share in the merits and sacrifices of missionaries—now a considerable army,—helped through this agency. The realization of this idea will also account for the largely increased number of Perpetual Memberships, many of which are taken out in favor of deceased relatives and friends.

A better acquaintance with the mission life, however, has brought a growing number of donations, some apportioned directly from the Diocesan office; others sent to specified missions, according to the donors' expressed wishes. In the making of wills, too, the mission need is coming to be recognized.

OUTSIDE DIOCESES INTERESTED.

It will also be remarked that the contributions from outside dioceses in which there is no systematic organization, are beginning to mount to a respectable sum. These have come unsolicited, from various parts of the United States and Canada; but the largest portion is from dioceses in our own New England province—often through priests who have been watching the effort in Boston with sympathetic interest. The Boston Office has also been honored by contributions from three New England bishops.

"Ask of me and I will give thee the Gentiles for thy inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession."—
Psalms II. 8.



TEN YEARS ON THE MISSION.

From the current issue of the Annales des Missions Etrangères, which is published bi-monthly from the Paris Seminary for foreign missions, we have taken the summary which follows. It will be understood that the facts and figures given herein refer only to the Alumni of this one Seminary and to their work in Eastern Asia.

THE TRIALS OF TEN YEARS.

In 1897: Massacre of Father Mazel of Kwang-si,

In 1898: Massacre of Father Bertholet in Kwang-si. Massacre of Father Chanes and 13 Christians in Kwang-tung. The plague in India. In Su-chuan, the destruction of part of the missions.

In 1899: Continuation of the destructions in Su-chuan; massacre of 2 Chinese priests and 8 Christians; and over 20,000 neophytes driven from their homes.

In 1900: Boxer Uprising. Massacre of 1 bishop and 9 missionaries.

In 1901: Persecution in Corea. In Thibet the destruction of two mission stations. In Kwang-si the pillage of many residences.

In 1902: A native priest and 1600 Christians massacred in Su-chuan. In Kwang-si all the Christian settlements in the northwest were plundered.

In 1903: A cyclone in Tonkin devastated 4 provinces.

In 1904: Massacre of a missionary in Manchuria. Serious troubles in Corea following the Russo-Japanese war. West Cochin-China devastated by a whirlwind May 1st, and Northern Cochin-China devastated by a cyclone September 11th.

In 1905: 4 missionaries and many neophytes massacred in Thibet. Floods and cholera at Cambodge and in Eastern Cochin-China. Famine in India. In 1906: Active Protestant propaganda in Corea. Hostilities of authorities in Manchuria and at Su-chuan. Floods in Tonkin, three cyclones and famine.

RESULTS.

In 10 years the small army of the Paris Society for Foreign Missions converted in the Far East 414,847 adult pagans; 4,339 heretics, and baptized 1,455,549 pagan children.

This report is saddening as we recall the trials; yet encouraging as we note the heroism of the victims of these trials. The figures are edifying as we look at them, but very small when we compare them with the enormous mass of pagans.

Patience to withstand all trials, perseverance in the work, strength to go ahead, and success which gladdens the heart, strengthens the mind and gives us courage for the trials of the morrow,—for these we pray and ask your suffrages.

The London Tablet says of Fr. Judge, whose letters we publish under the title of "An American Missionary."

"His fidelity to his vocation in youth; his ardent zeal for the conversion of the poor Indian, steeped in every form of superstition and vice; the hardships of his long and lonesome journeys, during which he erected log-wood churches along the banks of the Yukon river; his energy in building church and hospital at Dawson City—finally, the cheerful resignation of his saintly death, are all graphically and touchingly described. Whenever possible, the missionary is made to tell his own story by the insertion of numerous letters which he sent to his superiors, relatives and friends. They all breathe a deep humility and trust in God that are truly edifying.



REPORT FOR 1907.

Boston Diocesan Office for the Propagation of Faith.

THE net total of cash returns made during 1907 to the Boston Diocesan office for the propagation of the faith, was \$53,097.39. This sum does not, however, represent the entire contribution of the diocese to outside missions, home and foreign,

if such a distinction must be made in the Catholic Church.

Besides the annual Lenten collection for Negroes and Indians, a special canvass of the diocese was made last year by visiting bishops and priests in the interest of several missions, principally in the United States. The result of this canvass is not accurately known, as reports were received from a comparatively small number of the parishes visited. Judging from the collections actually reported, and at the same time reckoning individual contributions to missionary societies, we do not hesitate to say that the diocese of Boston gave to outside mission needs, in 1907, more than double the amount received through the Diocesan Office.

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WHILE we may be inclined to consider our offering to missions generous, we must remember that it represents only a small proportion, certainly not two per cent, of what is contributed, and justly, to the religious and charitable needs at home.

A Boston secular paper commenting a year ago on our report, remarked that the entire sum, \$49,546.15—was only five times the amount contributed by one Protestant church in Boston to foreign missions.

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NEVERTHELESS the results are gratifying as they show the development of a wider interest in missions, and certainly reflect much credit on the clergy and laity of the archdiocese. The success attained is due in no small measure to the good will of pastors and the zeal of directors.

BRANCH RETURNS.

Cathedral \$1,497.71 Rector, Rt. Rev. Geo. J. Patterson, V. G. Director, Rev. J. A. Walsh.

St. Cecilia's Pastor, Right Rev. W. Byrne, D. D., Director, Rev. J. J. O'Keefe.

Holy Trinity (German)
Pastor, Rev. Ed. Sturm. S. J.
Director, Rev. J. P. M. Schleuter, S. J.

Immaculate Conception 874.67 Rector, Rev. Thos. I. Gasson, S. J.

St. James' \$170.35 Pastor, Rev. W. P. McQuaid. Director, Rev. J. Fitzgerald.

St. Joseph's \$342.38
Pastor, Rev. J. E. Millerick.
Director, Rev. P. J. McCormick.

St. Mary's
Pastor, Rev. J. A. Gorman, S. J.
Director, Rev. I. Renaud, S. J.

N. Dame des Victoires \$1,506.00 Pastor, Very Rev. J. M. Portal, S. M. Director, Rev. H. de la Chapelle, S. M.

St. Philip's
Pastor, Rev. P. J. O'Donnell.
Director, Rev. B. F. Teeling.

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St. Patrick's \$288.35 Pastor, Rev. J. H. Gallagher, Director, Rev. T. A. Walsh. Br. \$218.70; Children of Mary. \$69.65

St. John's
Pastor, Rev. H. P. Smyth.
Director, Rev. D. F. Whalen.

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Pastor, Rev. H. P. Smyth.
Director, Rev. D. F. Whalen.

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Blessed Sacrament \$202.00
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Director, Rev. P. C. Quinn.

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D.D., P. R.
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